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**CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY ANNOUNCES  
VIRTUAL “BERKELEY DANCES *REVELATIONS*”  
WED, JUNE 24 AT 2PM**

**LED BY DANCER/CHOREOGRAPHER HOPE BOYKIN, WHO RETIRES THIS SEASON  
AFTER 20 YEARS WITH THE ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER**

**Berkeley, June 9, 2020** — Cal Performances at UC Berkeley invites dancers and community members of all backgrounds and abilities to participate in an online virtual “Berkeley Dances *Revelations*” event via the Zoom video conferencing platform on Wednesday, June 24 at 2pm. Dancer and choreographer Hope Boykin, who retires this season after 20 years with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, will lead participants in a virtual dance class and group performance of the “Wade in the Water” section of Alvin Ailey’s iconic *Revelations*.

“Berkeley Dances *Revelations*” takes place during the week that the 19th annual Berkeley/Oakland AileyCamp would have begun, had it not been cancelled due to the current coronavirus pandemic. “Berkeley Dances *Revelations*” is a free community dance event that Boykin has led as part of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater’s annual Cal Performances residency for the last four years. A few days after this virtual event, a special video of “Berkeley Dances *Revelations*” will be posted for viewing by a worldwide audience on the websites of both Cal Performances and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

**WHO** 300 participants, plus dancer/choreographer Hope Boykin of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

**WHAT** Virtual dance class and community performance, featuring choreography to “Wade in the Water” from Alvin Ailey’s iconic *Revelations*

**WHEN** Wednesday, June 24 at 2pm (PT)

**WHERE** Via the Zoom video conferencing platform, from your shelter-in-place location. A link to the event will be provided upon registration.

**WHY** In honor of dancer Hope Boykin’s retirement from the Ailey company following 20 years of service, and in recognition of the absence of the Berkeley/Oakland AileyCamp this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic.

**HOW** Later this week registration will be available at <https://calperformances.org/berkeley-dances-revelations>. There are only 300 spaces available for this community event. Participants are invited to follow Ailey tradition by wearing all-white clothing, and should find the perfect spot for dancing in their homes (or outside); enable the camera on their phone, tablet, or computer; and join the event via Zoom. Information about how to download and use the free Zoom application can be found at <https://zoom.us/>.

Hope Boykin will teach choreography to the “Wade in the Water” section of Alvin Ailey’s *Revelations*. Then, everyone will take part in a virtual performance, visible using Zoom’s “gallery view.”

**COST** Free and open to the public, but registration is required. There are a limited number of spaces available for this community celebration, so those interested are encouraged to register soon.

**LINKS**

1. Audio recording of “Wade in the Water” music: <https://youtu.be/1Edl29urtc0>
2. Video of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performing “Wade in the Water” [https://youtu.be/Fzq5kX6OT\\_s](https://youtu.be/Fzq5kX6OT_s)
3. Video of Hope Boykin teaching “Wade in the Water” choreography: <https://youtu.be/QefuHRw5948>

**MEDIA** A few spaces are being held for journalists. Please register directly at the link above or RSVP to Louisa Spier or Jeanette Peach to secure your place.